

## BELIEVE LONGWORTH IS CHOICE OF TAFT

Attitude of President In Ohio Governorship Contest Closely Watched.

## MAY HAVE BEARING ON PRESIDENCY

Cox-Burton Combination Favors Judge Brown—Buckeye Politics Topsy-Turvy.

By JOHN SNURE.

Politically speaking, things are in a topsy-turvy condition out in Ohio.

It would require a prophet or the son of a prophet to tell what is going to happen in the Republican State convention which will be held in Columbus the last week in July.

Inasmuch as large possibilities depend, of may depend, on the outcome of this convention, it is beginning to command the notice of politicians here of both parties.

Stranger things have happened than that the coming Ohio Republican convention should determine the course of the Presidency of 1912.

The general recognition of the fact that this is possible is giving the Ohio situation just now a national significance that it would not have otherwise. The two men who are most vitally concerned are President Taft and Governor Judson Harmon, who are quite likely to find themselves pitted against each other in the next Presidential campaign as the heads of the Republican and Democratic tickets, respectively.

Who'll Be Candidate.

The big question before the Republican State convention is: Who is going to be named for governor? It is probably President Taft who will settle this with a word. But he is not likely to do so.

Good politics makes it incumbent on him not to dictate this nomination, at least not to seem to dictate it. For a situation may arise in 1912 that will make Ohio a doubtful State and that will make the race in Ohio between him and the Democratic candidate for President, if that man be Harmon, a nip and tuck.

In such an event, Mr. Taft would be the stronger for having kept out of the governorship nomination situation. Here, there is a strong belief that when the round-up comes, Representative Nicholas Longworth will be the nominee. It is well understood that Mr. Taft would in no way be displeased if Longworth were named. Neither would a good many other Ohio politicians, who take the view that Longworth would be a good vote-getter. Moreover, there is the thought that with Longworth as the nominee, Theodore Roosevelt will have to get into the Buckeye State campaign in order to save his son-in-law from getting walloped at the polls.

Others Mentioned.

The others who are mentioned most prominently are Judge O. B. Brown of Dayton, who professes to have 200 votes pledged; Warren G. Harding, of Marion, who professes to have the same number; and Secretary of State Carmel Thompson, who lays claim to several hundred delegates himself. Representative J. Warren Keifer is mentioned in connection with the nomination, as is a long list of the mentioned class, including former Secretary of the Interior James R. Garfield.

Longworth does not want the nomination. He has a seat in the House which he can keep indefinitely. He has not dreamed of the idea of jumping into a fight for governor for the purpose of getting licked, as he fears he will. George C. Chittenden, the boss of that city, who is a close friend of Longworth, does not want him to run for governor. Cox fears this would upset things in Hamilton county, where Cincinnati is, and that it would be better to pick some other man.

Cox and Senator Burton have been in a combination in favor of Judge Brown. This was the subject of recent conferences of Ohio politicians at the White House. The Cox-Burton combination was set down upon by the President. He did not like it. But it went out from the White House that the President was not going to interfere. He was not going to go to the combination between Cox and Burton because he thought that to run over that with another combination would be as objectionable as the alliance between the boss of Cincinnati and the boss of Cleveland from Cleveland, Mr. Burton. This Cox-Burton combination, by the way, is an admirable illustration of the fact that politics sometimes makes strange bedfellows.

President Taft's view of the situation, it is understood, is that victory for Harmon in Ohio this fall will quite likely mean the Democratic nomination for Harmon in 1912. "If that is so," he is quoted as saying, "I am in the State this fall, he will be practically out of the running for the 1912 Democratic Presidential nomination."

Visits to Washington.

Anyone who is guessing whether Mr. Taft means to run again for President in 1912 need only cast a glance at the part he is taking in Ohio. The pilgrimages to Washington by Ohio Republican politicians recently and the interest taken in the situation by the President do not bespeak any idea on the part of the President that anyone but himself would head the Republican Presidential ticket in 1912.

Naturally, the President wants the strongest man he can find, with respect to getting votes, pitted against Harmon. He is taking the attitude that the State convention should be unbiased.

One of the interesting developments of the situation is that many of the Republican voters in Cleveland, home of Senator Burton, are showing disapproval of his alliance with George B. Cox.

President Taft will go to Ohio this fall to help out the Republicans. At that time, there will be a good chance for the Ohio people to pass judgment on the two men, Taft and Harmon.

## AMERICANS ATTEND RAILWAY CONGRESS

BERNE, Switzerland, July 5.—Among the American representatives at the eighth international railway congress in session here are President Howard Elwell, of the Northern Pacific; President George W. Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio; Theodore N. Ely, chief of motive power of the Pennsylvania; and Arthur Hale, secretary of the American Railway Association.

Fifteen hundred delegates representing governmental and private railways of nearly every civilized country are in attendance.

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## INVESTIGATING COST OF HAULING MAIL

Postoffice Department Gets Expense Statement From Railroads.

In a few weeks the Postoffice Department will be able to determine to within what it costs the railroads to handle the Government's mail. The work of compiling this information will begin tomorrow.

Some time ago Postmaster General Hitchcock called upon the railroads for statements of their expenses in transporting the United States mails. He found an old law which authorized him to demand this data, and at once took advantage of his legal right. Practically all of the railroads have now complied with the request and have forwarded to the department their mail expense accounts covering a period of several years. It is now necessary for the department to summarize this information and reach its conclusions. For this purpose \$10,000 has been appropriated, and an additional force of clerks employed.

System Called a Subsidy. Several times during the recent session of Congress efforts were made to secure investigations of the relationship of the railroads to the mail service. There were intimations that too much money was being charged for hauling the mail, and that the present system amounted to nothing more or less than a subsidy from the Government to the railroads.

For a long time, ship subsidies in Congress have been argued that the railroads have been liberally subsidized through their mail contracts, and on this ground they have asked the foreign mail of the United States should be more liberally dealt with.

It is to determine largely whether or not the railroads are actually making too much profit out of their mail contracts with the Government that the present compilation of the carrying expenses is being made. If this is found to be true Congress will be asked for authority to readjust the mail carrying rates.

Discrimination Is Alleged. It has been persistently claimed by members of Congress that the railroads give more advantageous rates to the express companies for the same service than it does to the Government. Senator Gore made a fight to secure an investigation along this very line, but his resolution was not passed. He sent to the Senate Committee with the explanation and Postroads with the explanation, and the committee was then working along those very lines.

## BRIDGE COLLAPSES WITH 200 PEOPLE

One Person Is Dead and Thirty Injured, Two of Whom May Not Survive.

UTICA, Ill., July 5.—As the result of the collapse of a bridge spanning the Illinois and Michigan canal one person is dead and thirty injured, two of them probably fatally.

The bridge fell during the course of a Fourth of July celebration, at a time when there were 200 persons on it. Rose Farmer, a sixteen-year-old girl, was internally injured and died on the way to a hospital. Another victim is a twelve-year-old boy, whose name is not known, who is suffering with a compound fracture of the skull.

The crowd had gathered on the bridge to witness a tug race. As the tug under the structure the crowd surged to the railing, and the bridge went down.

## MOTORCYCLIST'S HEAD IS CRUSHED

DENVER, Col., July 5.—The body of W. W. Thorpe, the motorcyclist killed here yesterday, was sent to California for interment today. Five minutes before Thorpe was killed he laughingly told bystanders that if anything happened to him to "wire my wife at Fresno."

He was making sixty miles an hour and riding in a reckless race when his machine slid out from under him and he was thrown twenty feet against a post. His head was crushed and his neck broken.

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No more appropriate play than "The Palace of Truth" could have been selected with which to open the roof garden at the Belasco.

A fantastic satire produced amid true fantastic surroundings, it scored a double success, with the result that the Belasco audiences hereafter will see the performance on the roof on all sultry nights.

The Ben Greet players gave a capital performance. The stage was barred with shrubbery in which was hidden, at one end, the orchestra.

"The Palace of Truth" is replete with whimsicalities. King Phano is the possessor of a palace, whose guests are compelled to speak nothing but the truth, although they are not a care of the fact. The King's daughter and Prince Philamir furnish the romantic element, while the comedy characters are the jealous queen and two courtiers who challenge each other to a duel and then enact Viola and Sir Andrew Aguecheek roles in a ludicrous manner.

Mr. Greet was seen as the witty king, who was eventually exposed; Miss Grace Halsey Mills as the queen; Miss Violet Vivian as Princess Zeolide, and J. Saver Crawford and Percival Seymour as the two courtiers. The part of Prince Philamir was taken by E. Yeandker, while small parts were supplied by Miss Ruth Vivian, Miss Ethel Van der Veer, Robert Grayle and Charles Hopkins.

The audience witnessed the pyrotechnic display on the White Lot during the intermission.

## DE GRAW COMMENDS RURAL MAIL SERVICE

Only 175 Men Out of 41,000 Carriers Are Dismissed For Cause.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 5.—Praise is given the rural mail carriers by Fourth Assistant Postmaster General P. V. De Graw.

Representing the Postmaster General at the North Carolina convention of rural mail carriers, Mr. De Graw said that "from the viewpoint of morale that service was far in advance of the civil service, as last year, out of 41,000 carriers, only 175 had been dismissed for cause."

"When it is stated that rural carriers throughout the United States travel 30,000 miles a year, it seems incomprehensible and beyond belief," concluded Mr. De Graw.

## SPREADING GOSPEL OF HOG RAISING

Texas Demonstration Train Begins Three Weeks' Tour of State.

DALLAS, Tex., July 5.—The first organized campaign to spread the gospel of hog raising was inaugurated this afternoon with the departure from this city of a demonstration train which will make a three weeks' tour, covering a large section of Texas. Stops of a day each will be made at various points, where interested persons will be invited to listen to practical talks by experts in every branch of the hog-raising and marketing business. The movement is backed by the Fort Worth Stockyards company, which has secured the co-operation of the railroads and others interested in the hog-raising industry.

## WILL PUBLISH TREATY.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 5.—Russia has decided to communicate to the United States, China, and other interested powers the Russo-Japanese convention covering railway and other interests in Manchuria. The agreement will be given to the newspapers after it is transmitted to other governments.

## WILL MEET TONIGHT.

The following councils of the National Union will meet tonight: Dahlgren, at Schmidt's Hall, and Georgetown, at Potomac Bank Hall.

Week-End Seashore Excursion, Baltimore & Ohio, every Friday and Saturday to Atlantic City, Cape May, Sea Island City and Ocean City, N. J., valid for return until following Tuesday, \$5.00.—Adv.

Reduced Fares To Saratoga Springs Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets on sale July 7, 14, and 21, good to return to reach original starting point on or before July 14. For exact fares, stop-over privileges and extension of return limit, consult ticket agent.—Adv.

## DEPARTMENT BUYS TRACT FOR STATION

Experiments In Animal Husbandry Will Be Conducted on 475-Acre Farm.

The Department of Agriculture has just closed a deal for the purchase of a 475-acre tract of land at Beltsville, Md., a few miles north of this city, to be used as an experiment station by the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Special experiments will be conducted in animal husbandry, especially in improved dairy processes, and the district will get the benefit of these results first hand.

The tract just bought was a part of a grant of land made to the Snowden family by Charles II.

Congress appropriated \$14,000 at the last session for the work of improving this property. Fencing has already begun and the land worked into shape for experimental purposes.

Chief interest in the new activity of the Government lies in the dairy work which will be carried on. Dairywomen of this entire section will be invited to visit the experiment farm and will be shown the most modern and sanitary methods of handling and housing dairy products.

It is stated, too, that a herd of milk goats will be bred on the farm. Goat milk is regarded as especially valuable as a diet for infants and invalids.

## FORMER CHANCELLOR SHOT.

SANTIAGO, Chile, July 5.—Convicted of the murder of an employee of the German legation February 2, 1909, Valentin Beckert, former chancellor of the legation here, was shot.

## PATRONS PLEASED WITH "MISS HOBBS"

Columbia Audiences See Two Performances of Sparkling Play.

Julia Dean, in the title role in Jerome K. Jerome's sparkling little play, "Miss Hobbs," and Paul McAllister, as King, scari Major, divided the honors at the two performances given yesterday at the Columbia Theater. Miss Dean, in the double role of Miss Hobbs and the servant girl, under whose identity Miss Hobbs masquerades in several scenes, was equally clever and convincing in each role.

Mr. McAllister again made it evident in his portrayal of the role of King's Major, that he is capable of maintaining a high standard in work that calls for more serious effort than does the light comedy in which he has appeared most frequently here.

In Everett Butterfield, as King's Minor, and Florence Huntredon, as his wife, much interest centered throughout each performance. As a pair with numerous domestic infelicities, they carried off various snags and quarrels with good effect. Others, who sustained creditably the remaining roles of the play are Miss Emilie Melville, whose work as Aunt Susan is especially worthy of mention; Frank Shannon, as George Jessup; Phyllis Sherwood, as Millicent Farley; Miss Pearl Havlin, as a maid servant; Walter Wilson, as Captain Smith; and Arthur Ritchie, as Charles.

The play, in Jerome's happiest style, is the story of the return by a man of the world of a young woman of the progressive or "new" type, who imagines herself superior to her sisters. The lines sparkle with cleverness, and the creditable manner in which the play is acted and staged makes it well worth while.

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